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[0273] The performance of certain of the operations may be distributed among the one or more processors, not only residing within a single machine, but deployed across a number of machines. In some example embodiments, the one or more processors or processor-implemented modules may be located in a single geographic location (e.g., within a home environment, an office environment, or a server farm). In other example embodiments, the one or more processors or processor-implemented modules may be distributed across a number of geographic locations.

[0274] Unless specifically stated otherwise, discussions herein using words such as “processing,” “computing,” “calculating,” “determining,” “presenting,” “displaying,” or the like may refer to actions or processes of a machine (e.g., a computer) that manipulates or transforms data represented as physical (e.g., electronic, magnetic, or optical) quantities within one or more memories (e.g., volatile memory, non-volatile memory, or a combination thereof), registers, or other machine components that receive, store, transmit, or display information.

[0275] As used herein any reference to “one embodiment” or “an embodiment” means that a particular element, feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment is included in at least one embodiment. The appearances of the phrase “in one embodiment” in various places in the specification are not necessarily all referring to the same embodiment.

[0276] Some embodiments may be described using the expression “coupled” and “connected” along with their derivatives. For example, some embodiments may be described using the term “coupled” to indicate that two or more elements are in direct physical or electrical contact. The term “coupled,” however, may also mean that two or more elements are not in direct contact with each other, but yet still co-operate or interact with each other. The embodiments are not limited in this context.

[0277] As used herein, the terms “includes,” “comprising,” “including,” “has,” “having” or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion. For example, a process, method, article, or apparatus that includes a list of elements is not necessarily limited to only those elements but may include other elements not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, article, or apparatus. Further, unless expressly stated to the contrary, “or” refers to an inclusive or and not to an exclusive or. For example, a condition A or B is satisfied by any one of the following: A is true (or present) and B is false (or not present), A is false (or not present) and B is true (or present), and both A and B are true (or present).

[0278] In addition, use of the “a” or “an” are employed to describe elements and components of the embodiments herein. This is done merely for convenience and to give a general sense of the description. This description, and the claims that follow, should be read to include one or at least

one and the singular also includes the plural unless it is obvious that it is meant otherwise.

[0279] The patent claims at the end of this patent application are not intended to be construed under 35 U.S.C. § 112(f) unless traditional means-plus-function language is expressly recited, such as “means for” or “step for” language being explicitly recited in the claim(s).

1. A computer-implemented method for interacting with a distributed ledger maintained by a plurality of participants, the method comprising:

receiving, at one or more processors, a transaction from at least one other participant in the distributed ledger network;

analyzing, at the one or more processors, the transaction to determine a set of line items related to a subrogation claim;

comparing, at the one or more processors, the set of line items to a baseline dataset to generate a disputed line items dataset, wherein the baseline dataset is: (i) a dataset containing suggested ranges for damages amounts and costs for services rendered, and (ii) maintained by an insurance arbitrator that is a participant of the plurality of participants that maintains the distributed ledger;

generating, at the one or more processors, a transaction including the disputed line items dataset; and

transmitting, at the one or more processors, the transaction including the disputed line items dataset to a smart contract stored on the distributed ledger.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction comprises a transaction ID, a subrogation contract ID, an originator, a damages dataset, and a services rendered dataset.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the transaction, further comprises:

verifying, at the one or more processors, an identifier for the at least one other participant; and

verifying, at the one or more processors, an identity of a hospital or doctor based on a private cryptographic key belonging to the hospital or doctor.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing the transaction, further comprises:

determining, at the one or more processors, damages data and services rendered data included in the transaction.

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6. The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the set of line items to a baseline dataset, further comprises:

identifying, at the one or more processors, differences between amounts for the set of line items and amounts for the baseline dataset.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein generating the transaction including the disputed line items dataset, further comprises:

generating, at the one or more processors, the disputed line items dataset based upon the comparison of the set of line items to the baseline set.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving, at the one or more processors, a response transaction related to the disputed line items;

analyzing, at the one or more processors, the response transaction; and

transmitting, at the one or more processors, an updated disputed line items transaction to at least one other participant.